



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BEAN DAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2003

WHEREAS, bean production contributes to North Dakota's economy with over 600,000 tons of beans sold annually; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota ranks 1st in the nation in the production of dry edible beans, comprising 35% of national production; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 bean growers from North Dakota and surrounding states are helping supply the world with the only food that is both a vegetable and protein; and

WHEREAS, the Northharvest Bean Growers Association is embarking on a national campaign, the "Beaning of America," to educate consumers around the country about the health and nutritional benefits of the bean; and

NOW THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 3, 2003, as **BEAN DAY** in North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State